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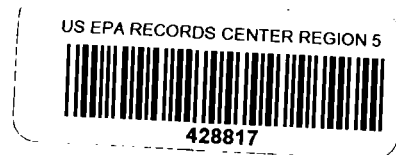
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Mr. James Hahnenberg
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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for August 2009, North Bronson Industrial Area Site
Operable Unit 1, Bronson, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Hahnenberg:

The North Bronson Potentially Responsible Parties Group (the Group) submits this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Article X (Reporting Requirements), Paragraph 31 of the Consent Decree for Operable Unit 1 at the North Bronson Industrial Area (NBIA) Site. This report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) at the site during August 2009.

1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period

- A. On August 10, 2009, the Group submitted the July 2009 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to MDEQ.
- B. On behalf of the Group, O'Brien & Gere completed the engineering design and solicited contractor bids for the water line connections for City residents within the restricted and buffer zones, as defined in the proposed City ordinance, who currently have private wells.
- C. On August 21, 2009, the Group received from MDEQ copies of three letters sent to USEPA (dated August 11, 2009) providing comments on the following:
 - Proposed City of Bronson Groundwater Ordinance submitted on June 4, 2009;

- *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Work Plan*, submitted on February 27, 2009; and
- The Mixing Zone Determination and compliance with Groundwater to Surface Water Interface (GSI) criteria as discussed with USEPA and MDEQ at our meeting of March 17, 2009.

The Group is reviewing these letters and intends to respond to the comments.

2. Results of Sampling and Tests and Other Data

- A. The Group developed no sampling or test data during the reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables

- A. The Group submitted no work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the reporting period.

4. Actions Projected for Next Six-Week Period

- A. Following USEPA approval, the Group will complete the Groundwater Delineation Study, including installation of additional wells as described in our meeting discussion of March 17, 2009 and conduct a second round of groundwater sampling for the recently installed wells.
- B. The Group will respond to MDEQ comments on the proposed City of Bronson Groundwater Ordinance.
- C. The Group will respond to MDEQ comments on the *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Work Plan* submitted on February 27, 2009.
- D. In cooperation with the City, the Group plans to complete the water line connections for City residents within the restricted and buffer zones who currently have private wells. Following the City water connections, the Group plans to properly close and abandon these private wells.

5. Progress and Schedule Report

- A. Near-term milestones for on-going Group activities are as follows:

6. Summary of Proposed or Approved Changes to the Work Plans or Schedules

- A. Each of the work plans for the ongoing tasks described in Item 5A above include addenda to the Pre-Design Studies FSQAP. These addenda provide for additional sampling and analytical protocols associated with those efforts. These work plans also include addenda to the site Health and Safety Plan to address task-specific health and safety issues.
- B. The near-term milestones associated with the most-recent working schedule update are those identified in Item 5.A above.


7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan

- A. The Group did not undertake any activities during this reporting period in support of the Community Relations Plan.

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We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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